

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are cancelled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein, and are replaced by new claims 47-89, which are added by way of this Amendment. Claims 47-49, 55-57, 59, 60, 62, 66, and 75-78 are independent.

Amendments to the Claims

New claims 47-89 are added and replace now-cancelled claims 1-46.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to add a paragraph related to Cross-Reference to Related Application, and to provide a copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate page as required.

Information Disclosure Statements

The Examiner is advised that Information Disclosure Statements were filed on June 29, 2004 and February 2, 2005.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

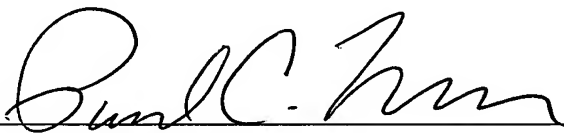
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 208-4030 (Direct Line).

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Abstract of the Disclosure (Revised)